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### Conyers Hails Supreme Court's Rejection of Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act

Rep. John Conyers, Jr. issued the following statement after today's decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to reject the passage of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act:

Today, the court has affirmed what anti-choice extremists already knew: this bill (the so-called Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act) is a blatantly unconstitutional and deceptive attempt to sensationalize the abortion debate. The court recognized that, without an exception to protect an expectant mother's health, this calculated smear masquerading as legislation should not remain on the books.

Thankfully, the court's rejection of this shameful bill was as predictable as its backers' shameless politicizing of life and death issues. Even during an Administration that has such disdain for basic Constitutional rights, it is fortunate that the courts continue to protect our freedoms.

Passage of the Partial Birth Abortion Ban was the first time since the passage of Roe v. Wade that the Congress stole the right of women and their families to decide matters of their own health care in consultation with their doctors. This is not just an issue of women's rights anymore - this is an issue of preserving the privacy of all Americans to keep the government out of their Doctor's office."

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